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Woman files civil rights lawsuit against university

Former student seeks \$175,000

LUKE STANGEL
STAFF WRITER

A 44-year-old former student has filed a lawsuit against San Jose State University's Police Department, claiming her civil rights were violated when a police ser-

geant searched her purse without her consent.

Chin-Li Mou is seeking up to \$175,000 in civil rights damages surrounding her brief arrest in early February 2005 at the library on campus, Mou's lawyer M. Jeffery Kallis said. Lawyers on both

sides of the lawsuit will return to court tomorrow to give the judge an update on how the preliminary research into the case is going.

Mou had three encounters with university police officers in February 2005, and was ticketed twice

— for giving false information to a police officer and resisting arrest. Both charges were later dropped, Kallis said.

On Feb. 4, 2005, Mou set off the library's theft detection device and refused to allow a library security officer to search her bag. In a brief argument, Mou said she would kill the security officer if she was late for her bus, according to a police report of the incident.

Three days later, the secu-

rity officer spotted Mou in the library again and called over University Police Sgt. John Laws to talk to her about the earlier incident. Laws stopped Mou and asked for her identification. She said she didn't have any identification and told Laws her name was Karen Johe, according to the lawsuit.

Laws ran a background check on the name and discovered that it was false. He looked down at Mou's

feet and saw a clear plastic purse with Mou's SJSU student identification card inside. He picked up the purse and looked through it without Mou's consent, according to the lawsuit.

Mou was ticketed for giving false information to a police officer. During the criminal case, Laws said he searched the purse because he thought he had probable cause that

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Fraternity to appreciate SJSU women

Kappa Alpha Psi promotes holiday

ROSSA DOÑO
STAFF WRITER

With love in their hearts and candy in their hands, several members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity will be handing out "candygrams" to the women of San Jose State University today.

Wearing white shirts, red ties and black slacks, Kappa Alpha Psi members will give Hershey's Kisses and a card saying "Happy Valentine's Day," to any woman willing to take them, said Ryan Spencer, president of Kappa Alpha Psi and a senior majoring in public relations.

"We're giving our candygrams to the young ladies that day that do — or do not — have boyfriends," said Chidi Ohaeri, a sophomore majoring in psychology. "It's our way of showing the women of SJSU that we do care and that we take them everyday as a blessing that they are on our campus."

"I think that's cute," said Marie Hulshof, an undeclared sophomore. "It's a nice way to give back. If they have a boyfriend or not, that card and that sweetness could brighten someone's whole day."

Meeting at the Student Union at noon and walking around campus until 2 p.m., members of the fraternity will try to show women how much they appreciate them, Spencer said.

"That's a sweet thing to do," said Cindy Aguilar, a senior majoring in sociology. "It'll make them popular. It's a good way to advertise themselves. I'll feel bad for whoever doesn't get one."

With many people having a negative feeling about the love holiday, the message this fraternity is trying to get across is that this day is about the people you care about, and not just a significant other, Ohaeri said.

"Valentines Day is supposed to be a day to love and show appreciation to people," said Raysean Ford, vice president of the fraternity and a junior majoring in sociology.

"A lot of people think you're supposed to be with a significant other, but that's not the message we believe in. We appreciate people, and this is our gift to you. Enjoy our treat," Ford said.

Not everyone gets something on Valentine's Day and Kappa Alpha Psi is hoping that the ladies of



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Residents in Campus Village Building B show their Valentine's Day spirit with a red heart.

Campus speaks out on Valentines

Feelings mixed on day of love

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STAFF WRITER

Today is Valentine's Day and love is in the air — or that's what Hallmark would have you believe.

However, some students, such as Kaitlynn Bailey, refer to Valentine's Day as Singles Awareness Day, or SAD for short.

"It just always reminds me of how single I am because it is so marketed," said the sophomore who is majoring in psychology.

Katie Corna, a junior majoring in animation, said she was cynical about Valentine's Day until she had a boyfriend.

"When I was single, I thought it was B.S.," Corna said. "I thought the card people made it up so they can sell more stuff to us."

Kelly Nachazel, a sophomore majoring in marketing, said Valentine's Day should be for spending time with a loved one and typical gifts, such as roses and candy, take away from the spirit of the holiday.

"It's become really marketed," Nachazel said. "Spend money on this one day and then someone knows that you care about them."

Chris Nelson, a freshman majoring in business, said that singles can have a good time on Valentine's Day by finding a date and going to a nice restaurant, and added that he thinks young women will use any excuse to get a free dinner.

Nachazel quickly retorted to Nelson's comment.

"There are not enough schmucks out there who are going to pay for all the girls,"

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Future quake may pose risk to Student Union

Officials say building will need major retrofitting

MARK POWELL
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The California State University Seismic Review Board is currently evaluating the structural safety of several buildings on San Jose State University's campus, officials said.

Tony Valenzuela, associate vice president for Facilities, Development and Operation, said that the Student Union is one of the buildings that the review board is assessing.

"What the Seismic Review Board is asking San Jose State to do is a reinforcement project,"

Valenzuela said.

The manner in which the second floor of the Student Union is "tied to the edges of the building" might not be strong enough to hold up, and could detach the floor in the case of certain seismic events, Valenzuela said.

According to Valenzuela, a seismic consultant was hired by SJSU and has been evaluating the details and drawings of the Student Union structure. The consultant will bring forth recommendations for types of retrofitting that could be fit for the build-

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The Student Union is one of the buildings that the CSU is assessing for retrofitting.

New Microsoft operating system sold on campus for \$2

Computer science, engineering, software majors eligible to purchase

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The Computer Science Club has a solution for those students who are curious about Microsoft's new operating system Windows Vista.

The club is giving out full-version copies of Windows Vista Business Edition to computer science, computer engineering and software engineering majors for a price of \$2.

According to Michael Butler, the pres-

ident of the Computer Science Club, if a student is currently enrolled in an undergraduate or post-graduate program in computer science, software engineering, or computer engineering, they can come to the club's room in MacQuarrie Hall 227 and ask for a copy.

"The media is \$2, which is the DVD," Butler said. "Then they also need to get an MSDN (Microsoft Developers Network) Academic Alliance account which we provide the information to sign up for an account, and then they'll be e-mailed

the CD-Key."

Microsoft provides the service for free, and the money goes to the media and burning hardware for the club, Butler said.

"I think it's cool that we can get Vista for cheap," said Jason Fong, a senior majoring in computer science. "I'm saving, like, \$200."

Microsoft wants students to have the software available for them so that can try out Vista and learn how to develop and program for it without spending the full price of a few hundred dollars, Butler said.

Also Microsoft's motive is to give the software to students for cheap, and then when they're out and have jobs at their

companies, they'll be used to the software already and prevent them from buying competitors products, Butler said.

"There are a lot of thing that are different and a lot of things that are the same. I'd say it's about 50-50," Butler said, when comparing Vista to Windows XP. "If you know how to use XP you'll be able to get around in Vista."

Ray Kiddy, who is a math major at San Jose State University and a software engineer for Mozilla, said it's a great deal since students will eventually have to learn Vista anyways when

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There is always some madness in love. But there is also always some reason in madness.
– Friedrich Nietzsche

Does Valentine’s Day matter?

CAMPUS VOICES:



“No, you should treat your loved ones like it’s Valentine’s (Day) every day.”

Che Angkham
anthropology
senior



“Yes, because I’m in love with my girlfriend.”

Scott Noel
communication studies
senior



“No, because I don’t have (a Valentine).”

Alberto Gutierrez
communication studies
senior

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“Yes, because it’s a day of friendship and love.”

Sandra Quezada
criminal justice
junior



“No, because it’s made up by the card companies.”

Janelle Zalinski
English
senior



“Yes, because you get to think of all the people you love.”

Mani Mann
occupational therapy
senior

OPPOSING VIEWS:

YES

My first valentine was a boy named Jeremy. He gave me one of those perforated edge Batman cards and on it he wrote, “I love you.” I gave him one too and it said nothing. Since then, almost every profession of love I have been given was returned with either a blank stare or a laugh, and yet, despite my various lovers’ failed attempts at making a case for their affections, my wandering heart continues to believe true love does exist.



CARLA MANCERO

So, I accept Valentine’s Day, in spite of its faults because it is part of my faith in love and like every other irrational belief that I have: I don’t need to see it to know that it is real.

With the exception of Jehovah’s Witnesses and nihilists, the majority of us observe holidays based on violence, sin and death, but unfairly criticize the only one that celebrates the sole weakness worth having — love.

The spectacle that is Valentine’s Day is no worse than Christmas. The loathing for Valentine’s Day stems from that dreaded feeling of obligation, which confuses a lot of people into believing it is better to express their love through a greeting card than a passionate kiss.

It would be a shame to shun Valentine’s Day all together because of faulty commercialism controlled by people whose hearts are imprinted with bad one-liners.

I think the importance of any holiday is questionable when society exploits its true significance for monetary gain, but we don’t need to buy into the propaganda.

Valentine’s Day is as adaptable as its history, the day’s uncertain roots allow us to create our own significance and dedicate a whole day to our amorous history.

Molding traditions to our lives may seem narcissistic but really it is just a way of giving meaning to something generally trivial. If we can change our per-

ception of Valentine’s Day, a gift like a white gardenia is not just a flower that will wilt in two days but a symbol of passion’s delicacy.

I say create Valentine’s Day chaos and make it a day that matters to you. Be that drugged-out couple making out on the light rail, skip dinner, drink bottles of wine and let the headiness control you. Break up with conventionality and be someone’s heart throbbing bloody Valentine this year. Let the roses live on its bush; leave the chocolate as a bean and the card as a tree.

My self-tailored Valentine’s Day tradition is to look back on the past year and pay homage to all of my fleeting affairs by showing what I have learned on my current prospect — and that Valentine gift, my darling, doesn’t cost me a dime.

Spending money is one of the many complaints around Valentine’s Day but none is as illogical as: Love shouldn’t wait for one day. Whoever feels that way misses the point all together. No one is asking lovers to

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wait until Feb. 14, it’s just another day set in time like your birthday. You live everyday but celebrate your life once a year, similar to being passionate everyday but celebrating how remarkable it is once a year.

I must sound like a revolting romantic whose optimistic view of love leaves the embittered people squirming in their chairs. But truly, I feel this way because I have never been in a relationship long enough to learn to hate it. I leave before it gets difficult, so don’t feel too bad, ask me about Valentine’s Day after I have been divorced twice.

But for now if you ask me I will tell you, Valentine’s Day is the chase, it’s the first night together, it’s the poem she wrote, it’s the good-bye that hurts, and the hello that completes.

Carla Mancebo is a *Spartan Daily* staff writer.

NO

Not anymore.

I’m glad to finally see the generation of apathy has applied its lazy forces upon Valentine’s Day. Ask anyone — it’s not a big deal anymore. If they say otherwise they’re lying, married or in a delusional state called love.

We’ve all been forced through it in elementary school where we spent all day in class making boxes out of construction paper instead of learning. Then at the end of class, the big moment where we get to read the card from that special boy or girl we had a crush on, just to find out it just says “Happy Valentines Day” — and oh yeah, he or she spelled your name wrong.

More attention was put towards handing out candy and cards instead of expressing feelings towards anyone. Hell, some kids didn’t even learn to tie their shoes yet.

Lets step it up a notch and take a look back at junior high where Valentine’s Day and popularity

“This holiday is simply to satisfy the material expectations of girls ...”

joined forces. In junior high popularity was everything, everyone knew who was popular and who was not — you could tell by simply by looking at which table everyone sat at for lunch.

On Valentines Day the stakes were raised and chocolate with roses was not only required, but popularity demanded it.

The girl showered with the most roses, “candygrams” and teddy bears sat at recess atop her throne built by the envy of the girls who didn’t receive anything or as much.

To the guys he was the one, the one who came through, the one who starved and saved his lunch money for weeks to buy his girl everything she desired.

Today everything is overpriced and over commercialized. I don’t know how many times I’ve seen

jewelry ads before Sportcenter’s “Top10.” If I had just woken up from a coma I would be able to tell by the sensory overload of chocolate, hearts, jewelry and the color pink.

What does all of this have to do with the meaning of Valentine’s Day? It’s the material expectation that was fixed into us as we grew up and as we got older we’ve come to realize that’s not what holidays are meant for.

Even the people that do participate in Valentine’s Day activities are not guaranteed success. What comes with Valentine’s Day is the expectation of delight, which can easily turn into disappointment. Come on, we all have nightmare Valentine’s Day stories — all of us. We can remember them like the childhood friends we had that moved away to never be heard from again.

Sure, a flower even on Valentine’s Day will make a girl smile, but what about the other 364 opportunities we have? I know we’re all busy with life and Feb. 14 can be planned ahead in luxurious fashion, but I bet a little something on an unexpected occasion can spawn more butterflies in a girl than any riches on Valentine’s Day.

People can argue that Valentine’s Day is to celebrate love, but I would have to say women that are obsessed with it force, yes, force their guys to participate in activities that don’t even represent love.

We can all agree that if it were up to the guys Valentine’s Day would fade into distant memory. This holiday is simply to satisfy the material expectations of girls obsessed with vanity. Please — we’ve all had enough.

Am I bitter, lonely or cheap? No, I just don’t support a so-called holiday that causes people to misplace their values on material objects rather than genuine acts of affection.

If you are happy on Valentine’s Day that is great; I am happy for you. But for me affection is a feeling not an object, and it can’t be done in a single day — besides any holiday with the initials VD can’t be good for you.

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Catholic and Feminist Mass

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Retrofit- 3 structures on CSU's priority lists

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ing, Valenzuela said.

Valenzuela described SJSU as being "at the tail end" of that consulting process. However, Valenzuela said that the actual construction process wouldn't take place until later this calendar year.

Valenzuela said a major topic will be how SJSU carries out improvements on the Student Union, which was constructed from 1967 to 1969, without having to close parts of it down.

"We have to ask ourselves, 'What is the best way to address this issue and maintain building functionality?'" he said. "We also have to minimize the invasiveness of the construction."

Cecille Almeda, a junior majoring in hospitality management, said that she feels students aren't informed enough about structural issues on campus.

"I kind of feel left out of the loop," Almeda said. "First of all, if they are trying to promote this university, one of the things I'm sure they'd want to promote is safety. I don't feel that they are doing that."

Freshman liberal studies major Jessica Jay said she would still frequent the Student Union even if it is under structural review.

"If anything does happen, at least we're more aware," Jay said.

Almeda reiterated, however, that she believes the university should make more of an effort to let students know about seismic and structural issues. "It seems like we're not important enough to know the truth," she said.

Valenzuela conceded that SJSU and facilities personnel could do more to inform students.

"Could we do a better job educating the students?" he said. "Absolutely we could do a better job."

Valenzuela said that there have been problems regarding how administrators should relay information on structural issues to students.

"One of the things that we struggle with is how to communicate these things," he said. "There

is a lot of stuff that we do that we'd love for students to know about. What do we do? Do we start putting ads in the paper? These are things we're thinking about."

Three other structures on the SJSU campus were placed on the CSU Seismic Retrofit Priority Listings, which are made up of two lists designated as Priority List 1 and Priority List 2.

Priority List 1 identifies campus structures that warrant "urgent attention" and should be retrofitted as soon as the resources are available, according to the CSU Architecture and Engineering Plan and Code Review Web site.

Priority List 2 recognizes buildings that must be retrofitted when any new construction takes place on them.

According to the listings, a "Tilt-up Building (with) Mezzanine" was placed on Priority List 1. The buildings "SPX Central" and "Corporation Yard" were placed on Priority List 2.

Valenzuela said that the "Mezzanine" and "Corporation Yard" structures are part of Facilities, Development and Operation buildings. The "SPX" building, which is the on-campus Spartan Complex structure, is currently under evaluation by the review board because of how the roof was constructed at certain points, Valenzuela said.

The review board listings are current as of Dec. 20, 2006, according to the Web site.

V-Day- Some plan for surprises

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Nachazel said.

Eddie Robleas, a freshman majoring in business, said that he has only celebrated Valentine's Day to keep his past girlfriends happy.

"You kind of have to," Robleas said. "They will mention that they saw something on TV and say, 'that's so pretty.'"

Even hand-holding romantics who plan on having extravagant Valentine's Day celebrations scoff at the marketing strategies Valentine's Day sparks.

"All the little toys and candy — you don't need that," said Kathryn Dutcher, a freshman majoring in anthropology.

Dutcher said she doesn't care if she doesn't receive any Valentine's Day gifts.

There is a light at the end of this tunnel of cynicism, as some students said they are still looking forward to Valentine's Day.

Chris Hirt, the boyfriend of Katie Corna, said he will be going out to dinner with Corna.

The junior, who is also majoring in animation, said he has a surprise planned for her.

Nelson said he has also come up with some interesting Valentine's Day ideas of his own.

"Last year, I rented out a carousel in Santa Barbara for my girlfriend," Nelson said. "And she got to ride the carousel for an hour — just me and her."

Nelson said he celebrated Valentine's Day in a very different way for another girlfriend, showing that Valentine's Day celebrations depend on each person's interests.

"I took her dirt biking," he said. "It was the best Valentine's Day she ever had."

Others said that expensive activities are not needed to have a satisfying Valentine's Day.

"The point is to spend time with someone you love," said Sunny Hasrajani, a senior majoring in management information systems. "It's not to go crazy. It's not for show."

Hasrajani said Valentine's Day is not a significant enough holiday to warrant the amount of money people spend.

"You don't have to spend any money," said Charlene Ceballos, a freshman majoring in marketing. "You could just sit around and watch movies all day, and that could be the perfect Valentine's Day."

Crowd gathers to listen to 'open air' sermon



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ABOVE: Evan Schaible, a chaplain from Full Gospel Churches, draws a crowd students on Tuesday. LEFT: Evan Schaible, a chaplain from Full Gospel Churches, points out something he said in the Bible.



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Author stresses the importance of calm

Discusses 11 tips to lower stress

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Whether it is finding time to finish stacks of homework, trying to juggle work, school and a social life or driving home in a torrential downpour, the stresses of everyday life can be overwhelming.

Brian Luke Seaward, a part-time professor at Northern Colorado University, author of “Managing Stress in Everyday Life,” and sports psychologist for numerous Olympic athletes, lectured approximately 150 students and faculty on effective strategies to reduce stress in our everyday lives Monday.

The one-hour event, sponsored by the Kinesiology Student Club and the department of kinesiology, was held in at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. library.

Alice Tran, a senior majoring in recreation and leisure, said the lecture would really help her in the future.

“Luke was a great speaker,” Tran said. “He gave us a list of 11 things to do that will help relieve our stress and that was really helpful. It’s so easy to get stressed out from the pressure of school. Having skills that help us deal with that stress is really nice.”

Assisted by two large projection screens that displayed multiple slides and clips that coincided with his 60-minute lecture, Seaward explained how stress leads to anger and how that anger can have a negative affect on a person both mentally and physically.

“It’s a domino affect,” said Seaward. “Stress of every day life leads to anger which can effect your nervous system, which will affect your hormonal system and in turn will cause problems with your immune system.

“Every time you get angry it’s because of an unmet expectation. You go to class and receive a pop quiz or you walk out to your car and there is a flat tire — it’s how you deal with those situations that are important,” Seaward said, who is also the author of “Stand Like Mountain, Flow Like Water.”

Marlene Anderson, bursar at SJSU, attended the lecture because she said it was important to understand stress so that she could better deal with it and help others deal with it as well.

“There is real tragedy out there in people that suppress their stress and anger,” Anderson said. “This

event is important in teaching everyone that there are ways to deal with hard times in life. It is heart-breaking when students commit suicide because they can’t deal with a lot of stress.”

According to Seaward, whose textbook “Managing Stress in Everyday Life” is used in stress management classes at SJSU, there are 11 ways to help relieve pent-up stress.

Among the methods Seaward listed were: making time for consistent exercise, establishing a strong support group, dedicating personal time for yourself and, most importantly, finding humor in life.

“Life should be humorous,” said Seaward. “Find comic relief within yourself.”

Kwame Thomas, a senior majoring in business, said the lecture really opened his eyes and will help him deal with stress.

“I work two jobs and go to school full time,” Thomas said. “I don’t have time to exercise all the

“Stress of every day life leads to anger which can affect your nervous system.”
-Brian Luke Seaward, author

time to get rid of stress, but I have time to be positive and embrace my challenges. He told us about man that was paralyzed when he was a teenager and now he is successful — has a kid and is doing real good. A sense of humor gets him through life. I can think about that when I’m stressed.”

Seaward, whose corporate clients include Hewlett Packard, Procter & Gamble, Sonoco Oil, Motorola, Quaker Oats, John Deere, BP-Amoco, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and many more is regarded as one of the foremost experts in the field of stress management, according to Shirley H. M. Reekie, chair of the kinesiology department.

Seaward said he was excited about having the chance to come to SJSU and speak with students and faculty.

“I’m honored,” Seaward said. “A lot of life behaviors reach a very important level between the ages 18 to 22. If you change now it will help you to live a longer and happier life in the future and to be able to share that will the students of SJSU has been a pleasure.”

Former SJ mayor returns to talk transportation

KYLE HANSEN
STAFF WRITER

Norman Mineta, former U.S. secretary of transportation, will be speaking at San Jose State University Thursday afternoon about the effects of traffic on the economy.

The event will be held in the Engineering Building auditorium, room 189, at 1 p.m.

Mineta was the longest serving transportation secretary in the history of the department, serving from 2001 to 2006, according to his biography on the White House’s Web site. Mineta is also the first person to switch directly from a Democratic to a Republican cabinet.

Prior to his service in the Cabinet, Mineta was a member of the House of Representatives, representing San Jose from 1975 to 1995. Mineta was mayor of San Jose from 1971 to 1974 and was the first Asian-Pacific-American mayor of a U.S. city, according to the biography.

Some students were not aware of Mineta and did not seem interested in his speech.

“I don’t see how that will help me — maybe it will be good for other majors,” said Ahmed Elkady, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering.

Sandy Tang, a junior majoring in business management, said that transportation was not that important and public transportation has solved a lot of problems.

“The buses are great,” she said. “They just need to come more often and we need more parking.”

Terry Christensen, a political science professor, said that Mineta was an important leader in San Jose and has kept his connections to the area in addition to his success in Washington.

“Unlike many political leaders, he’s never lost touch with his home base, not least because he never forgets a name or face,” Christensen said via e-mail.

“Norm was a crucial leader at a turning point in San Jose politics, as the city transitioned from a conservative, business-dominated old guard to a more liberal new establishment that included women, minority groups and neighborhood associations,” Christensen said.

“His election and his leadership were essential to the establishment of racial and ethnic inclusion in San Jose politics — and one reason we still get along pretty well here despite our great diversity,” he said.

Mineta is also the founder of the Mineta Transportation Institute, which is part of the Lucas Graduate School of Business at SJSU.

The institute offers a master of science in transportation management and a certificate in transportation management, according to communications director Leslee Hamilton.

It is mainly funded by the federal government through the department of transportation’s Research and Innovative Technology Administration and by the state of California through the Department of Transportation.

Hamilton said that the institute is fairly unique in the country and focuses only on surface transportation from a policy and administration perspective. Most other university programs look at transportation from an engineering point of view.

“We have a board of trustees that oversees the institute that is composed of a ‘who’s who’ of transportation experts,” Hamilton said. “That is pretty unique.”

The institute also recently won one of 10 awards in a national competition between 36 universities, Hamilton said.

Mineta will be speaking on how the economy can be impacted by traffic, said Ahmed Hambaba, the associate dean of graduate and extended studies.

“If you do not have really good transportation, whether on the ground or in the air, you are not as competitive,” said Hambaba, who helped to organize the event. “Sometimes as students or faculty we do not think about those things.”

Thursday’s speech is the first of this semester’s series of speeches for the Silicon Valley Leaders Symposium, sponsored by the College of Engineering. The symposium is in its seventh year, but the college wanted to expand this year to include the whole campus, according to Hambaba.

“This is the 150th anniversary, so we wanted to use this as an avenue to invite people to come speak at the university,” Hambaba said.

Hambaba said that the college is trying to help students to broaden their horizons and to give students exposure to different types of leaders so that they can see the skills and attributes they will need to succeed.

“Our main objective for the symposium is to connect with Silicon Valley corporations,” Hambaba said. “It is a bridge, it is a way to open students’ minds.”

Future speakers for the symposium include congressman Michael Honda, the heads of technology corporations such as Adobe and KLA-Tencor and a Nobel Laureate.



Norman Mineta

Silicon Valley Leaders Symposium

Silicon Valley Leaders Symposium

All events are at 1 p.m. in the Engineering Building auditorium, room 189

- Feb. 15: Norman Mineta, former secretary of transportation
- Feb. 22: Michael Honda, U.S. Congressman
- March 1: Simon Worden, NASA Ames Research Center director
- March 8: David López, National Hispanic University president
- March 15: Kenneth Fong, chairman of Kenson Ventures
- April 5: Rick Wallace, CEO of KLA-Tencor
- April 12: Myron Scholes, Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences, 1997
- April 19: Geoffrey Nunberg, UC Berkeley School of Information
- April 26: Bruce Chizen, Adobe Systems CEO

Vista- Some SJSU students say program has ‘great value’

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they get new computers.

“It’s obviously a great value for students, as long as they know what they’re getting into with all the incompatibilities,” Kiddy said.

According to Butler, there are still a lot of incompatibilities, and a lot of software won’t work on Vista. The new operating system re-

quires you to have a “pretty good” computer to take full advantage of Vista’s new interface.

“They really tried to make it as impressive as possible in effects to impress people,” Butler said. “But the security in Vista is definitely enhanced.”

This is an opportunity that no one in the department should pass up, Fong, a senior majoring in computer science said.

“In the future it can really benefit the stu-

dents.” Fong said. “Since it’s still new I don’t think it will do much, but it’s still a great deal getting Vista for cheap, because you don’t have to install it right away. You can just have it to have it, and install it in the future when you need it.”

There are four versions of Windows Vista. There is Windows Vista Home Basic, Home Premium, Business and Ultimate.

Vista’s retail price ranges from \$200 to \$400.

Lawsuit- Woman alleges illegal search of belongings

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a crime — giving false information to a police officer — had been committed. The judge in the case threw out the charge after determining Laws had unlawfully searched Mou’s purse, Mou’s lawyer Kallis, said.

Two and a half weeks later, on Feb. 23, Mou was ticketed for resisting arrest after getting into an argument with police officers at the library because she wanted to reserve a music listening room with her husband’s library card.

Kallis, a San Jose lawyer who specializes in civil rights cases, said the lawsuit is not frivolous, and has larger implications for the cam-

pus community.

“This lawsuit, along with many, many, many other lawsuits are not about real big dollar damages — being in a wheelchair and having your eyesight taken from you, etc.,” Kallis said Tuesday. “This is about allowing you to walk down the street and not have your civil rights violated. This is about protecting every other citizen.”

“So when people like Ms. Mou ... stand up and take on the incredible emotional burden and the incredible financial risks associated with protecting rights, they are doing a favor for everyone else,” Kallis said later. “They are standing up for what this country was founded on.”

Mou did not return calls for comment.

William Gavin, the lawyer representing the school in this case, was out of the office and not available Tuesday. Laws declined to comment and referred calls to Sgt. Michael Santos, who said he had to review the case before commenting.

California law allows for \$25,000 in damages for every civil rights violation that lawyers can successfully prove in court. Kallis and Mou are alleging eight civil rights violations, which could result in \$175,000 in damages. Mou is also asking for money to compensate her for emotional distress and injuries she says she sustained during her arrest, which could add up to more than \$100,000, Kallis said.

Candy- Women enjoy idea of a gift for all

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SJSU will gladly take the card and candy, Ohaeri said.

“I think this is important whether the ladies do, -- or do not — have boyfriends,” Ohaeri said. “The fact that they’re getting something on Valentine’s Day will make them feel more special than they already are. It’s nice to have a group of men that respects them in our school.”

With many fraternities on campus, the gesture seems to be a good one not only to the ladies.

“It’s a good concept,” said Dennis Cajina, a junior majoring in marketing and member of the fraternity Gamma Zeta Alpha. “It’s something nice, it’s unexpected and it can make someone’s day. Women are beautiful and great, and that’s why we love women.”

When asked what they would do with the ladies that don’t be-

lieve in Valentine’s Day, Vice President Ford of said, “We’ll offer the treat, but if they don’t take it, they don’t believe in it, we’ll accept that and keep moving on.”

“We just want to say that the distinguished gentlemen of Kappa Alpha Psi just want to wish them a happy Valentine’s Day and to look for love within yourself,” Ford said. “You have to love yourself first, before anyone else can love you”

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Men’s basketball plays the University of Nevada, in Reno at 7:05 p.m.

Tennis team set to serve on new courts

Both home meets canceled because of rain, Spartans play Thursday at 2 p.m.

CARLOS MILITANTE

STAFF WRITER

Coming off a 12-9 record for the 2005-06 season, the San Jose State University women’s tennis team is ready for another winning season.

This year’s team has three co-captains: senior Courtney Koenigsfeld, junior Ashley Tavita and sophomore Amber Silverstone.

Tavita, who returns for her third season at SJSU, received All-Western Athletic Conference recognition

really hard in spring training, so I think we’ll do really good.”

Going into her 15th season as head coach, Anh-Dao Nguyen is excited about this season’s team and hopes that the new Spartan Courts will produce more wins.

“With the home court advantage were going to have that much leeway on our competition,” Nguyen said.

Last season the tennis team had to play all of their home games at Los Gatos Swim & Racquet Club, which according to Nguyen, is about a 15 to 20 minute drive from SJSU.

But this season the team will play on the newly redone Spartan Courts located near Spartan Stadium, just over a mile away from campus.

“The girls will feel more excited to play in front of their friends and more motivated by being here and not having to rush out of class to get to Los Gatos Racquet Club,” Nguyen said.

Assistant coach Byron Nepomuceno said the new facilities should make a huge difference towards how the team can prepare for matches and that the new facilities have uplifted the team’s spirits.

“If you put a net on a parking lot somewhere, you probably couldn’t tell the difference,” Nepomuceno said, regarding the old Spartan Courts facilities.

“Now we really feel a sense of a first-class program,” Nepomuceno said.

Nepomuceno also said that the new facilities should help with recruiting because now the prospects can see what kind of home court they’re going to practice and play on.

“This year’s team, first and foremost, likes each other,” Nepomu-



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Senior Courtney Koenigsfeld was named to the All-WAC first team last season and is seen swinging her racket in a match last year.

2007 Women’s Tennis Roster

Silvanna Dukic, sophomore
Santa Clara — Santa Clara HS
Michele Freitas, freshman
San Leandro — Livermore HS
Sanda Hadzisabic, sophomore
Amarillo, TX — Tascosa HS
Courtney Koenigsfeld, senior
Mesa, Ariz. — Red Mountain HS
Rokie Larijani, senior
San Jose — Leland HS

Roshie Larijani, sophomore
San Jose — Leland HS
Dana Popescu, junior
Santa Clara — CSU Los Angeles
Amber Silverstone, sophomore
London, England — Davies HS
Ashley Tavita, junior
Provo, Utah — Fountain Hills HS
Jennifer Williams, freshman
Elmhurst, Ill. — York HS

ceno said. “We have no egos on the team and anybody can beat anybody on a given day. I like our chances.”

The team’s home opener against UC Santa Cruz

was postponed due to rain last Saturday, and has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m.

The SJSU women’s tennis team’s next game is an exhibition match with Sierra College on February 15 at 2 p.m. at the Spartan Courts.

Swimming team at WAC finals

STAFF REPORT:

— On Monday morning the Spartan women’s swimming and diving teams flew to San Antonio, Texas for the conference championship, held Feb. 14-17.

— Along with second-year coach Sage Hopkinds, the 16 swimmers and three divers hope to improve upon last year’s all-time best team finish of fourth place.

— Last season’s 2006 WAC meet was highly successful for the Spartans, clinching two individual gold medals by Brie Marhenke in the 50 and 100 meter freestyle events and a gold medal in the 200 freestyle relay.

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- Earth, wind, or fire
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- Machu Picchu builder
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- Flirt with
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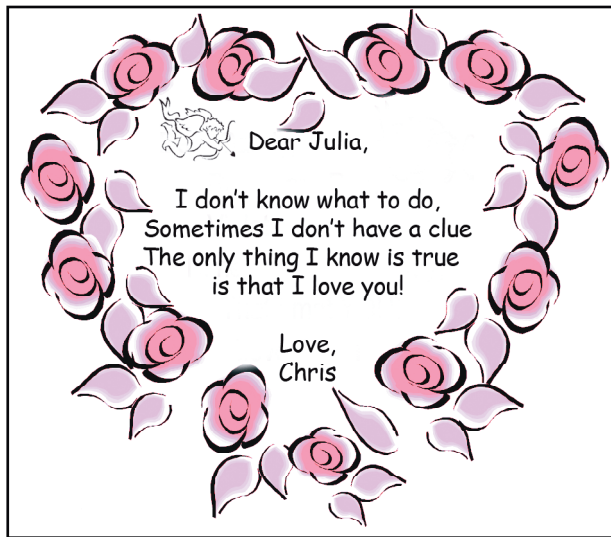
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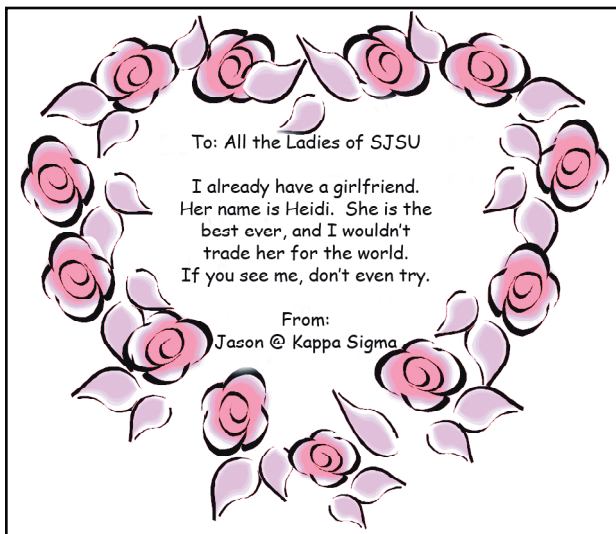
I cherish all the moments we share. Thank you for making my life that much better.

From: SRUTI

To: My Bride,

How beautiful you are, my darling, how beautiful you are! Your eyes are like doves behind your veil; your hair is like a flock of goats that have descended from Mount Gilead.

From: Solomon



To: AIESECers

You rock for being the change we want to see in the world!!!

From: Lilo

To:
The Update News & Productions

Happy Valentine's Day you sexy thangs!

From:
Na Na & Jules

To: Katie

Happy Valentine's Day my love. Surprises await you and I will always adore you.

Love,
Rob



To: Monkey Baby

You are far, far cuter than any hamster. I love you very, very much.

Love,
Tiger

To: Jhona, Tomoya, and Tina

"Now I want this paper to tell. What I want to tell you, so you can hear. The way I want you to hear me..."

From:
Your Platonic love ...

To: Kim Banh

We look forward to making the Kim Spears video. Take it easy on the boys!

From:
Davidddd & Think (Lightbulb)

To: My Monkey

I love you!
I'm so lucky to have you in my life!
Happy Birthday Barnaby.

From: Your Girl

To: Carolinn

Happy Heart Day!
First Valentine's together!
Woohoo! I'll be seeing you tonight, so get ready for dinner!

From: Daviddd

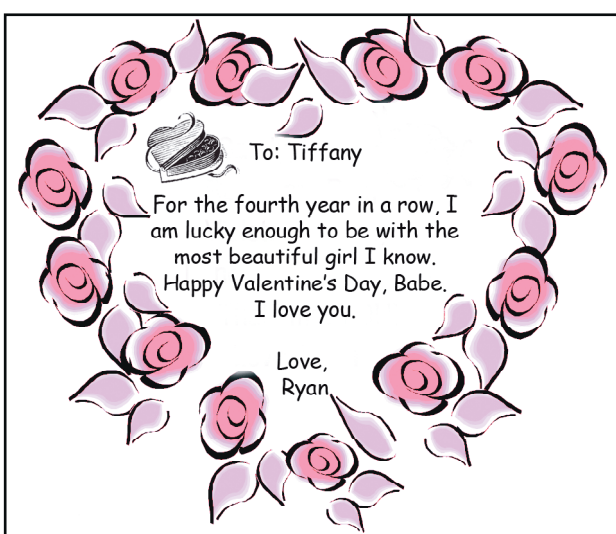
To: Sara/Sarah & Sara/Sarah

I don't quite know what to say... Only that I think about you two almost everyday. Call me sometime!!!

From: Gilly Gill



Happy Valentine's Day to the ASGSC Ladies:
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I really love you!
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To: Alexander

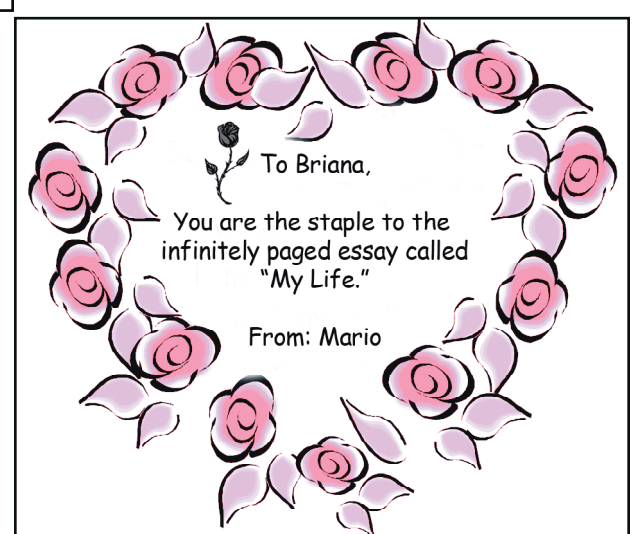
Thank you for everything you are to me! You're MY FAVORITE!

Love you,
Jessica

To: Jill

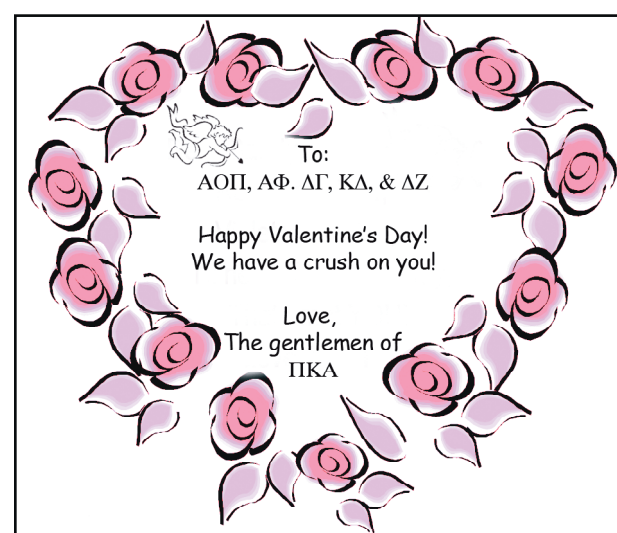
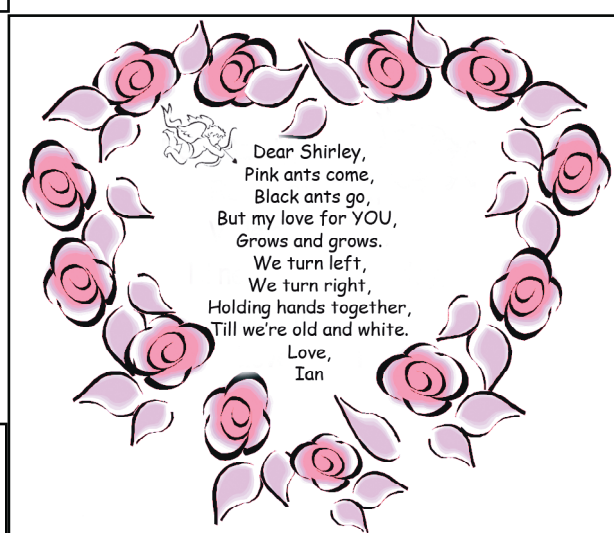
Happy Valentine's Day from your favorite students!

From: The Peer Mentors



Happy Valentine's Day to a pretty girl named Gina, and to Amy, the most helpful person in the JS Department.

From: Randal



To:
James with the pretty eyes ...

You are so fly ...
I think about your beauty every time you walk by.

From:
5'8" girlz



To:
Miche Navarro
(My clubbin' darling)

The time we shared -
I will never forget.
Hayward is only a drive away.

From: CJ

Hilu Nuong Tu,

I hate math (who doesn't) ... but this is the best I could come up with ... just for u!

You: $2x^2 - 2xy = y^2 - 1 = 0$
Me: $2x + 2xy = y^2 - 1 = 0$

Happy V-day!!! (Hint: Graph it)

From: Tram

To: SJSU Students

"A wise monkey is a monkey who doesn't monkey around with another monkey's monkey."

From:
Unknown Writer

